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NORMS FOR FOOD AND HEALTH CARE IN ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms in respect of food and health care of animals in major zoological parks;

(b) whether Government proposes to conduct any scientific study in respect of food and healthcare of animals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to improve/review the norms relating to food and health care of the animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) Existing "Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992" prescribe standards and norms for food and health care of zoo animals. It is mandatory for all the zoos in the country to comply with these rules.

(b) to (d) The Central Zoo Authority carries periodic inspection of the recognized zoos to ensure the compliance of standards and norms of animal healthcare and upkeep. In this connection it has also assigned two scientific studies viz. "Development of standard guidelines & protocols on disease, diagnosis and cure of wild animals of Indian Zoos" and "Development of feeding strategies for captive animals and standardization of feeding regime" to Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly in the year 2006 & 2007 respectively.